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SUBJECT: ROK RESPONSE: DEMARCHE ON WHO RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
THE UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS ON DRONABINOL

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Classified By: POL M/C Joseph Y. Yun. Reasons 1.4 (b,d).

¶1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel talking points to Ms. Cho, Hyung Hwa of the Policy Planning and International Organizations Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT) and Mr. Kim, Ho-dong of the Narcotics Control Division of the Korean Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare (MHW). According to Mr. Kim, dronabinol is not classified as a controlled or narcotic substance in South Korea. As such, both the MHW and MOFAT indicated that the ROKG is likely to support the World Health Organization recommendation to transfer dronabinol to Schedule III of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of ¶1971.  
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